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had to walk with...with crutches for life, and they're now approaching a time in their lives where it's even getting more difficult. And as a country we were thrilled that the vaccine was discovered and that we eradicated ourselves from this dreadful fear and this dreadful disease. The 1954 Nobel Prize in Medicine was awarded to American Immunologists who used human fetal kidney cells in research that eventually led to the polio vaccine. In fact, as we discussed previously when we were debating this issue, research using fetal cells has been conducted since the 1930's. But that probably, to some people, isn't the issue today, but I do think it's important to know that this research has been successful in addressing many important problems in the medical community that have been resolved. And we are on the threshold, through this very important research, of addressing other diseases, as Senator Suttle described one of those. To me this issue is multifaceted, as it is to many of you. It's not a pro-life, pro-choice issue to me, and I know to some of you it is. To me it is, first of all, an issue for the Board of Regents. I believe in their authority and their ability as a body to address issues dealing with the university. I think they are the appropriate body to deal with these types of concerns that may be raised by the public. They are elected, and it's appropriate for them to deal with that. But this is not going to be one of those issues where we are able to, largely because of the efforts of a number of groups, to say we can divorce ourselves from it, so we're having this discussion today. I believe that this is not ever going to be a black and white issue. I think this is going to be a choice between, for those in the middle I guess, a choice between whether do we support the research, support the university, support the researchers, support the institution and its importance in our state and in the country, or whether we choose to start to intervene when different types of research are called to our attention and we periodically will have to come and involve ourselves as a legislature. So I want to, in my time that I'm going to speak today, just talk a little about the research. And I normally don't personalize issues, but I think it's helpful sometimes to think about, not only what's happening to tissue that's being disposed of, but also what's happening to real people. When my sister was 31 years old she began to fall and didn't know why. One day, when she was working, and she was in a